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REPORT

COUNTRY East GermanyTOPIC Military Shipments and General Military Information from Eberswalde and BernauEVALUATION 25X1 PLACE OBTAINED 25X1DATE OF CONTENT 25X1DATE OBTAINED 12 May 1953 DATE PREPARED 25X1

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. At 1:30 p.m. on 17 April, 16 trucks, 1 T-34/85 tank and several soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were loaded at the Bernau railroad station. Troop trains that passed through the Eberswalde railroad station from a southerly direction and northerly direction included a train with 19 T-34 tanks and 300 soldiers at 12:30 a.m. on 18 April; a train with 6 x 57-mm AT guns and about 200 soldiers at 1 a.m. on 20 April; a train with 9 x 57-mm AT guns, 150 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets and 19 trucks of the B 7-58-xx series on 21 April; a train with 8 x 57-mm AT guns, 200 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets and 50 trucks 25X1
at 8 a.m. on 22 April; and a train with
4 x 100-mm AT guns, 15 trucks and 150 soldiers
wearing red-bordered black epaulets at 4 p.m. on 23 April.¹
2. On 25 April, the Artillerie Kaserne in Eberswalde quartered only a guard detail of 50 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. The Schuetzen Kaserne was still occupied by 3,000 to 3,300 troops and a headquarters. A column of armored personnel carrier 8 motorcycles and about 250
soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets on trucks 25X1
left the barracks installation on 21 April. On 22 April,
2 x 37-mm AA guns, 1 searchlight with motor vehicles 25X1
moved out of the billeting area. On 25 April, the AAA
emplacement at Westend was still occupied by 6 x 85-mm AA guns.² At about 10:45 a.m. on 22 April, a train with 9 x 57-mm AT guns, 40 trucks and 350 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets passed through Eberswalde from a southerly direction.¹
3. At 1 p.m. on 26 April, a shipment of 10 pontoons and motor vehicles 25X1
was observed at the Eberswalde railroad station.²
At 10 a.m. on 19 April, 6 x 37-mm AA guns, 20 x 120-mm mortars, 30 trucks
and 55 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were observed at the
Bernau railroad station.¹
1. Comment. The loadings were probably made by units of the 6th Gds 25X1
Mecz Div in Bernau, whose departure from Bernau to Templin between 15
and 18 April has repeatedly been reported.
The loading of AAA on 19 April was presumably made by a unit of the 25X1
120th (?) AAA Regt of the division whose quarters in the Briefstauben-
station were vacant on 20 April. 25X1

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[redacted] . The mortars loaded on the same shipment have either been misidentified or overestimated, as the 240th Gds Mort Regt of the division is stationed in Eberswalde and, from there, was loaded for shipment to Templin. The trains seen passing through Eberswalde probably went from Bernau to Templin. The shipment on 18 April is believed to have carried units of the aforementioned division, while the other trains carried units of the unidentified AT artillery brigade of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army whose transfer to Templin from 20 to 23 April was repeatedly mentioned.

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2. [redacted] Comment. The report indicates that the units of the 6th Gds Mecz Div from the Artillerie Kaserne had departed for Templin until 25 April, while the headquarters and the majority of the headquarters units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army can be carried in their quarters in the Schuetzen Kaserne at that time. The train on 26 April possibly carried units of the 3d Engr Regt of the aforementioned army, as is indicated by the numbering series.

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